



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Hadassah Mativetsky, City Council President

Sarah Dinhofer, City Clerk

## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON

### Special Business Meeting Minutes

City Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

5:00 PM Friday, March 22, 2024

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:01 PM by President Mativetsky

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Mativetsky

#### III. ROLL CALL

Present: Porter, Middleton, Cavanaugh, Hotchkiss, Mativetsky, Strawn, Dundon

Also Present: Sarah Dinhofer (City Clerk), Sophia Bergman (Corporation Counsel), Robert Heary (1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Corporation Counsel), Mehtasim Mahfuz (2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Corporation Counsel)

#### IV. APPOINTMENTS

##### 1. 6<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember

- a. CM Mativetsky calls for a motion to appoint Phil Strawn
  - i. No motion made
- b. Motion to appoint Michael Kosty: Dundon
  - i. Second: Hotchkiss
  - ii. Discussion:
    1. CM Strawn comments he believes this is a violation of court order, states he doesn't understand purpose, as he would be easy to work with for a few months until election.
    2. CM Dundon states this is not a personal decision – asked for more nominations from Republican Chair repeatedly and were denied. Further states that this is not a violation, as the ruling requires the appointment of a Republican in the 6<sup>th</sup> District. Provides proof of Kosty's voter registration to be placed into record (*\*appended*). Further states choice was made to pick nominee not involved in lawsuit.
    3. CM Hotchkiss agrees choice is not in violation of court order, reiterates need to pick nominee outside of lawsuit.
    4. Corporation Counsel asks from whom legal supporting legal opinion was obtained – CM Mativetsky answers counsel retained during lawsuit.
    5. CM Middleton restates this is not a personal decision -- has had a good relationship with CM Strawn. Shares sentiment that this is about properly servicing Binghamton's residents and looks forward to moving on to other issues.
  - iii. Motion to accept Strawn's recusal: Dundon
    1. Second: Porter
    2. Vote: 5-1-0-0
    3. Nay: Cavanaugh
  - iv. Vote: 6-0-0-0

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 5:16PM: Dundon

Second: Porter

All in Favor

**BROOME**  
**60 HAWLEY ST, 2ND FLOOR**  
**PO BOX 1766**  
**BINGHAMTON, NY 13902**  
**(607) 778-2172**  
**Voter Record Report**

3/22/2024 1:15 PM

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<b>Name:</b> MICHAEL P KOSTY	<b>Voter ID:</b> 4161755
<b>Address:</b> 92 CONKLIN AVE APT 2, BINGHAMTON, NY 13903	
<b>Mailing:</b>	
<b>Status:</b> A REINSTATED	<b>Date:</b> 02/04/2023 <b>Reinstated:</b> Y
	<b>DOB:</b> 01/23/1998
<b>Town:</b> 002 City Binghamton	<b>Gender:</b> M
<b>Ward:</b> 000 WARD 000	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>District:</b> 023 DISTRICT 023	
<b>Congressional District:</b> 019 Congressional District #019	<b>Reg Date:</b> 02/22/2023
<b>State Senatorial District:</b> 052 State Senatorial District #052	
<b>State Assembly District:</b> 123 State Assembly District #123	<b>Party:</b> Republican
<b>School Board District:</b> 053 City of Binghamton	<b>Created:</b> 02/22/2023 by mef41841
<b>County Legislative:</b> 015 County Legislative Dist. #015	<b>Modified:</b> 02/16/2024 by NTS Account
<b>City Council:</b> 006 City Council District #006	<b>Batch #:</b> B20240215001
<b>Village:</b>	<b>Source:</b> BOE
<b>Fire:</b>	
<b>Polling Place:</b> ST. JOHN & ST. ANDREW PARISH (LIVINGSTON ST ENTRANCE) 1263 VESTAL AVE, BINGHAMTON, NY 13903	
<b>Last Action:</b> District Info	

**Voting History Information**

**Election:** GE23 **Party:** REP